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Knights of Columbus, Council No. 7612
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January 2011



Council Business Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 7:30pm
at the Council Home

Council Officers & Program Directors Mtg.

Charity Corp. Meeting

Monday before Business Meeting, 7:30-9:30pm
at the Council Home

CUFP, Inc. (Home Corporation) Meeting

Monday immediately following the Council's Business Meeting

Meetings are open to all members

Sheen's Colleens Meeting

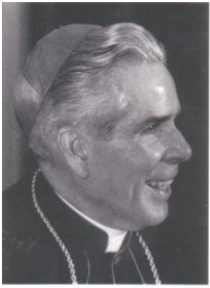
3rd Wednesday of the Month

Council Social Meeting

See Lecturer's Report

Communiqué Deadline for Articles

4th Thursday of the Month



Servant of God
ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN
(1895-1978)

The Fulton J. Communiqué

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Staying EXCITED and Wishing You a Happy New Year!!!

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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I hope that all of you had the most joyous Christmas and it is my wish that this joy continues throughout all of 2011! Yes! 2011 is here and I am sooo excited!



As we close out December, a special thanks to all that assisted with the wonderful Christmas party. The party was well attended and I thought the turkey dinner was great – thanks to Chef Mike Piechocki. The Council home was so well decorated. Thanks to Larry Brown (aka Santa), Tom Greul and John Hundertmark and all that helped make this such a special day.

Breakfast with Santa was another great event and well attended. The food was delicious and plentiful and from what I understand all of the children really enjoyed their time with Santa. Thanks to all of the Sheen Colleens who assisted the Knights to make this day so special. Thank you to Brother Tom Gruel and a special Thank You to Otto Greul (aka Santa) and all that helped make this a really fun day for all.

All of us would not have been able to get in and out of the Church parking lot for Christmas Mass without the parking assistance provided by the Knights on Christmas Eve. Thank you to John Hundertmark and all that spent the evening directing the cars.

Our first event in January is the Basketball Free Throw contest on Saturday, January 8 at the Gym. The following Saturday, January 15 will be our Blood Drive which will be held at the gym. That evening, we will also have a Family Movie Night.

We have so many activities during January, but I do have to mention our Beach Party. On Wednesday, January 26th we will have our first annual Beach Party at the Council Home. As it will be very cold outside, we will be hot and sweaty inside the Council Home! There will be sand to make sand castles and so many other activities! Remember – beach clothing including hats and sunglasses are welcome! We will have life guards on duty as well as the Scopes photographers. I cannot wait!! I have already started to lie outside to work on my sun tan.....

We will be busy this January so we can continue to set the pace for other Councils to follow. I have been so proud of everything that we have done thus far. As we begin this year, we will be taking a closer look at our membership and focus on the dues. We want to make sure all of our members are current. If there is a member that is not able to pay their

dues because of financial issues, please let me know so that we can address the issue. It is my desire to have a strong Council as we look towards the spring.

Thanks again for all that you do and Happy New Years to all.

Serving you for a successful year....

C.U.F.P., INC. (HOME CORPORATION)

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7612 Council Family,

The home corporation continues to make great strides in making the council home rentable. We have done some cleaning of the home and hope to paint the inside of the hall and improve the ceiling in January. We have had the furnaces cleaned and serviced as well as rated for efficiency to maximize the oil consumption this winter and we are pleased with the results. We have also installed smoke / carbon monoxide detectors in the building. Our board of directors has come up with a wish list of items we would like to see fixed, replaced, painted or improved and are continually working with the Baltimore County Government to make certain that the council home meets and exceeds all county requirements. If you are retired or want to help in the improvements of the council home please email or call me so I can add you to the list of people to contact when we have a project that needs some labor from our members.

If you want to rent the hall for a party or gathering please contact either myself or Ray Miles and we will put you on the calendar.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

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How can it be, that in the midst of a bunch of planets and stars moving in various directions and rotations and tilts, that ours is suitable for life – life that regenerates itself, has

feelings and emotions so powerful, we are willing to die for each other for the sake of freedom? How is it possible that all the regularities that exist in this universe allow us time to experience those regularities in things like weather, daylight, gravity, and time?

Ok, we've been taught over and over that all of these staples we experience were created, just as we were. And you know, it's hard for me to see how all this could have happened any other way – for instance, by chance. Mathematics proves to us that we live in a world so filled with regularity and predictive outcomes, it would be statistically impossible to ascribe it to random happenings.

And to give us the ultimate sign of God's interaction in our lives, we've been gifted with the actual birth of Jesus Christ – fully human and fully divine. Doesn't it just bring tears to your eyes, knowing what we know as Catholic Christians, free to pray as we do, walking each day filled with the Holy Spirit? The more I contemplate this, the more it becomes real, stark, and jaw-dropping. A birth of a baby that changed history for the human race.

Please commit your hearts to witnessing to someone you've never shared faith with how meaningful Christmas is to you. Christmas is our opportunity to explain what Word made Flesh really means, in our own words and feelings and thoughts. If we only hold it in and don't pass it on, isn't that exactly the opposite of what Jesus did?

Thanks so much to all in our Council, and yes, I too am very "excited."

May God Bless, and Merry Christmas.

WARDEN'S REPORT

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Brothers,

I hope you and your families had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May this New Year bring you health, happiness, and peace!

God Bless.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

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Brother Knights and Families,

The climax of the Advent season is near!
The birth of Jesus is upon us! Are you ready?

By the time you receive this, we will be in the thick of the holidays, praising the greatest Gift ever given and looking forward to the New Year!

I ask you to reflect on the achievements of your council thus far this year, and the tasks ahead for the remaining year and beyond. As Knights of Columbus, the strong arm of the Catholic Church, we are being called to defend, support, and strengthen our beloved Church. In a message from State Deputy Peter Davio, according to Archbishop O'Brien only about 30% of Catholics attend Mass regularly and receive the Sacraments. This aids in creating a further disregard for our faith by our youth, and a decreasing pool of candidates for the priesthood and religious life. You can help through your regular attendance and your example to others, just as we pray, "Mary, make us always aware..." Lift high the cross we must bear and inspire others to stand faithful to the Church and all of its teachings. Membership in our organization assists brother knights by supporting their commitment to faith and their continued formation. Offer the opportunity of membership to every Catholic gentleman and offer a hand in strengthening his faith through your good will. To achieve the goals of our Order and of the Church, we must have continued membership growth. Each member can do his part by sponsoring a new member this year. Carry a form 100 at all times! We must take this call seriously.

I wish each and every member and their families a most blessed Christmas!

Vivat Jesus

COUNCIL BENEFITS ADVISOR

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Who can you count on?

These days you have to be careful about not only the individual financial product you are buying...but also about the company that is backing that financial product. Who would have thought that the largest insurance company in the world would need a government bailout?

Today's news talks about how more banks are having difficulty, despite many of these banks already receiving TARP funds. We are seeing record numbers of banks failing and having to be rescued by an already stressed FDIC government insurance program. The numbers are predicted to go higher, much higher.

Allow me to brag a bit – about your very own organization, the Knights of Columbus. We are 1 of 2 companies remaining out of 1700 in the United States with the top ratings from Standard and Poors, A.M. Best and the IMSA certification for customer satisfaction and ethical business practices. When you look to invest your hard earned money – think of the Knights of Columbus. We have no debt, top ratings and Standard and Poors says we are the #1 capitalized insurance company in the U.S. When buying life insurance, long term care insurance, investing in our annuities or rolling over your pension or IRAs...you can sleep soundly at night because you are under our safety net. I know I do.

Call me or email me. Let's see if there are any ways the Knights of Columbus might be able to help you and your family in your planning. It is an honor to be of service to you.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

No Report

LECTURER'S REPORT

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I am so excited! Our social in January is going to be a blast -- a blast of summer air! This social is the second part of our backward socials with the chili cook-off in August, now we are going to have a beach party in January.

You heard right, it's a beach party. Against the better judgment of the Home Corp. president, we are going to crank the heat up to 80 degrees; we are bringing in hundreds of pounds of sand and making a huge sandbox for sandcastle building competitions, music, games, prizes and food. We are bringing Ocean City to you this time. There will be a Scopes photographer taking pictures of families, kids, groups or individuals. Fun games for everyone, I don't want to ruin the surprise for anyone but we will see how low you can go.

We will provide Fried Chicken, hot dogs and burgers. So here is what you need to know for this great party.

Who: Everyone!

When: Wednesday Jan 26th at 6:30

Where: Downy council home, Hon!

Attire: swim suits, shorts, sun screen and flip flops. (you can wear whatever you like)

Bring: A summer side dish

Prizes for the best beach attire, best beach shirt and best beach hat.

You **must Must MUST** RSVP to me so that we can plan for the correct amount of food and make sure there is enough room for everyone. Please email or call me. My contact info is above.

Good of the Order

Brother Frank Rodski's name was pulled from the fish bowl. If he had been present, he would have won \$221!!! The January Good of the Order Drawing will be for a prize of \$249

7612 CHARITIES

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We now have the raffle tickets for our 2nd Annual Ocean City Getaway raffle. The tickets are \$20.00 each for a chance to win a week stay at a luxury three-bedroom, three-bath condominium located on 76th street bayside for the week of June 18th through June 25th 2011. The drawing will take place at our 31st Annual Art Auction on April 9, 2011. Please help us by purchasing a ticket and selling some to your friends and family. Contact me for tickets or any questions you may have. Contact info is above.

We are also soliciting vehicle donations to support our scholarship fund. If you or anyone you know would like to donate a vehicle please contact me. We will sell the vehicle and provide you with the appropriate paperwork for your taxable deduction.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

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We have a scheduled first degree during our regular meeting in January. During this degree the degree team will be judged by the State. Let's all work to have several candidates and a good attendance to support our Council and the degree team and show the State judging team what a great Council we are. If you have a candidate please contact me as soon as possible so we can interview him in time to have him installed that evening. Thanks to all of you who have sponsored new members this year.

Please contact me if you need any information, forms or need to refer a candidate to be interviewed. I assure you as soon as I get any referrals for membership I will reach out to them immediately to schedule an interview. Please wear your membership badges to church.

Let's all work together so we can share something we all enjoy with others.

Vivat Jesu

YOUTH REPORT

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Breakfast with Santa

On December 18th a breakfast with Santa was planned at the Saint Joseph Church gymnasium starting at 8:00 running through 11:00AM. We had over 100 members of the parish call and make reservations. The lovely Lady Sheens Colleens assisted with the preparing and serving the breakfast included Cherie Hundertmark, Heather Greul, and Diane Eagle. Brother Knights Tom Greul, Mike Heyden, Alex Kerr, John Hundertmark, Dan Hundertmark, David Love, and Otto Greul, worked with Santa elves and the Sheens to set up, cook, prepare, and serve the food.

The morning of the 18th we arrived at the church and started to prepare pancakes, eggs, hash browns, sausage and fruit. We also served juice and coffee, with a special desert of a chocolate fountain to make you own chocolate covered pretzels or fruit.

Santa Claus arrived at about 8:30 and stayed for the entire time. Deanna Greul, Jennifer Kerr, Kelly Heyden, Laura Greul, Ryan Love and Sarah Greul assisted Santa and handed each visitor with Candy Canes. Cherie Hundertmark took all of the kid's pictures with Santa and they were posted on the Knights of Columbus Council's website. This way everyone could visit the web site and download the pictures of their children and print the ones they like.

This was the first year the parish has had a breakfast and it was a great success and we look forward to a larger crowd to welcome and enjoy Breakfast with Santa in December 2011. Once we get the Schedule from Santa the date will be posted in future bulletin in November of 2011.



SQUIRES

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INVESTITURE – January 6 – Stang Road

We need to officially welcome three new members, **Andrew Johnston, Zach Harvatine and Jack Selby.**

The ceremony starts at 7pm with light refreshments to follow. All Brother Knights are encouraged to attend to show your support for these future Knights who do so much to support our council and community.

SHEEN'S COLLEENS CORNER

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Happy New Year!

Diane and I would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed New Year. Thanks to everyone who helped out over the last 6 months with our activities. During 2011, the Sheen's Colleens will have their annual Valentine's Flower Project on February 11th and 12th. Cherie Hundertmark is the director and will be looking for people to assemble and deliver the flowers. When we get many helpers the time flies by, so look for an email from her soon.



In March, the Colleens will hold their first ever Senior Prom at the new South Carroll Senior Center. The senior center is very excited to partner with us. The Knights have agreed to dawn their tuxedos and escort the ladies from their cars and into the center. They have also agreed to be available to dance with all the single ladies that night. More on the event will be forthcoming.

April brings our Double Bingo with the Knights. Cherie Hundertmark has already started purchasing the baskets and will have a list for sponsorships at our next meeting. The gift cards that we solicited our community for

will be used as stuffers or door prizes but we still want to get the baskets sponsored. Since we are sharing the profits with the Knights we will only need to sponsor half of the baskets. The ultimate goal is to get the baskets, food and other misc expenses all paid for by donations prior to opening the door. The last time we did this we made over \$10,000. We will be counting on you to get those sponsorships and promote the event where ever you go.

Our next meeting will take place on January 19th in the Cassidy Center at St. Joe's Church at 7:00 pm. See you there.

PRO-LIFE REPORT

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January 24th will be the March for Life. In 2011 the anniversary date of the Roe v. Wade decision will fall on a weekend, a time when lawmakers are typically away from Washington. To have maximum impact on our elected leaders the March will be held Monday January 24th. Please consider joining us for this up lifting event.

Please continue to pray for the unborn. Stay Strong, God is on our side!

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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Blood Drive – January 15th, 2011

Brothers – our winter blood drive will be held at St. Joseph's on January 15, 2011 from 0700-1300. We urge all brother Knights to donate if you can. I would also ask for volunteers to assist during the day of the drive or to help us with the phone bank effort making appointment calls. We will be manning the phone bank on January 4, 5, 6, 2011. If you can assist us on either activity it will help a great deal. We need at least four (4) brother knights to assist during the day of the drive to be a greeter, coordinator, canteen server or escort for donors coming to the canteen. If you

would like to help out at either effort please contact me (information above) or Peter O'Sullivan (PETER.OSULLIVAN@LongandFoster.com).

FOURTH DEGREE

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The exemplification of the 4th degree will take place on Saturday April the 9th in Fredrick Maryland. If you are a third degree Knight of our great order you should take your 4th degree and complete your journey toward full Knighthood in our order. The fourth degree is the Patriotic part of our order and we do many things to help our veteran's and our country. The holding of this degree only happens once a year, so please do not let this opportunity pass you by. You will need to wear a black tux for the degree and a formal

banquet follows for you and your significant other.

We are also the ones who wear the brightly colored chapeaus, capes and carry swords. We stand at the caskets of our brothers and their families as well as our priests. We march in parades and participate in masses at churches though out Maryland and DC. Joining the 4th degree does not mean you have to be part of the color corps, it is voluntary and an honor for those of us who do participate.

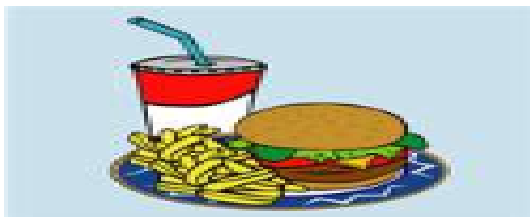
If you are interested in taking your final step in you Knighthood, please contact Tom Greul and I will make certain your paper work gets turned in on-time.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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February 7th Double Play

The fun starts at 3:00 pm with cards. We have the cards, tables and chips so bring your friends and family and play poker, Texas Hold Em or any card game you want. There will be kids movies during the card playing.



Food, you bet! We will have all of your favorite tailgate foods. Hot Dogs, burgers, Italian sausage, potato salad, cob slaw, chips, pretzels, dips, pop corn and sweets.

Come game time we will be projecting the Super Bowl on the wall for all of us to enjoy. Stay for the first half or for the whole game.

Cost is \$20 per/person and includes food, soda and water. Poker games will have a \$30 buy in. Beer and wine are \$1. All card game winnings will be for prizes, no cash payouts. You must RSVP to Steve Ransdell at sransdell@verizon.net or 410-549-0204



CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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Brothers,

If you know of a member who is sick or is recently deceased, PLEASE CALL the Grand Knight or Chancellor. We would rather get 250 calls about someone who needs our prayers than fail to assist someone in need.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

- George W. Helfrich (Dave Love's stepfather)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

- Ashley Berdel
- Verna Blanchard (Chris Ryder's Mother in Law)
- Kellie Boehm
- Patty Bowlen (friend of Dick Zabela)
- Richard Brady
- Al Cassiere
- John Catalano
- Ray Comes
- Ed Comfort
- Wanda Coy (Bob Coy's Wife)
- Pete Decker
- Emma DiMaio
- Children of Toni DiVenti
- Mike Driscoll
- Mark Eastman
- Mary Erline
- Deborah Flynn (Alec Kerr's sister)
- Alexandra Fry
- Jerry Fuller (Jay Fuller's father)
- Romeo Gauither
- Rose Marie Gomeringer (Emma's mom)
- Deanna Greul
- John Gropshover
- Ed Hantzell
- Cindy Hogan
- Joni Holland
- Joe Horner
- Bud Housel
- Lee Hoyas
- Valerie Hundertmark
- Joe Januszewski
- Margaret Kaelin
- George Koleszar (brother Bob Koleszar)
- Julian "Junior" Knisley
- Mary & John Maguire
- Terry Manner
- Floyd McCurdy
- Mack McQuay
- Charlie McTygue (Father of John McTygue)
- Joe Mettle
- Carl Motter (Scott's father)
- Paul Noel
- Mary Novak
- Dick Perron
- Anna Pierce
- Pat Reilly
- Karl Roberts
- Adele Sadoski (daughter of Ed Budelis)
- Kathy Salvemini
- Gonzalo Sanchez (PGK Sacred Heart)
- Ben SanFellipo (Frank's Father)
- Elaine San Fellipo (Frank's Wife)
- Frank SanFellipo
- Bill Sapp
- Connie Sapp (Bill's Daughter in Law)
- Ed Sapp
- Tom Schwartz
- Dennis Sinmont (Rick Wilhide's Brother in law)
- Bob Stepling
- Betty Stepling
- Uhul Talley
- Eleanor Urick
- Ray Vaccare
- Cheyenne VanCleve
- Janet VanCleve
- Beverly Wilson(works with Ray Miles)
- Annamaria White
- Katherine Winkler
- Gertrude Witte
- Denise Wolfe
- Charlene Young (works with Ray Miles)
- Kathy Young (Joe Eagle's Mother-in-Law)
- Dick Zabella
- Sandee Zabella
- John Zambito

Fulton Sheen Council Calendar

Council Rosary Night

Rosary every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm at Cassidy Center. Since 9/11/2001, Knights and their ladies of our Council family have gathered each Tuesday evening to say a Rosary in memory of those killed that tragic day and for service men and women at home and abroad fighting the war on terror.

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We, as a Council, have made a commitment to be present every Sunday morning, between 6:00 and 7:00 am., for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel at St. Joseph's.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 2 Ravens football 1 pm
- 6 Squires Investiture
- 8 Basketball Free Throw
- 10 Council Directors Meeting 7:30 PM
- 12 Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM, 1st degree
- 15 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 15 Family Movie Night 6:15 PM
- 17 CUFPP House Meeting 7:30 PM
- 21 March for Life, Washington D.C.
- 24 Color Corp Practice 6:45 PM CCARC

FEBRUARY

- 6 Super Bowl Party CUFPP
- 7 Council Directors Meeting 7:30 PM
- 9 Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM
- 11 Assemble flowers for nursing homes 9-1PM
- 12 Deliver flowers to nursing homes 10AM
- 12 Romantic Valentines dinner
- 14 CUFPP House Meeting 7:30 PM
- 19 Family Movie Night 6:15 PM
- 20 Knights / Squires breakfast
- 23 Social
- 28 Color Corp Practice 6:45 PM CCARC

MARCH

- 7 Council Directors Meeting 7:30 PM
- 8 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 10 Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM, 1st degree
- 11 Lenten Dinner 6 PM
- 12 St Patrick's Day dinner dance 6PM
- 12 Knights/Squires basketball game, church
- 14 CUFPP House Meeting 7:30 PM
- 18 Lenten Dinner 6 PM
- 23 Social
- 25 Lenten Dinner 6 PM

APRIL

- TBA Art Auction, Winfield Fire House
- 1 Lenten Dinner 6 PM
- 2 Double bingo, basket & pocketbook
- 8 Lenten Dinner 6 PM
- 8 Fourth Degree Exemplification
- 9 Special Event (social)
- 10 Squires donut sale
- 11 Council Directors Meeting 7:30 PM
- 13 Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM
- 15 Lenten Dinner, Peter's Fish Fry
- TBA M&T Stadium, Lacrosse Event
- 18 CUFPP House Meeting 7:30 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR WEBSITE

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Refer to this web site for copies of previous Communiqués and other up-to-date information regarding Council activities and other contact information.

Westminster Council Activity

Let's Watch Some Football!!!

Championship Sunday

in memorial to
George Snyder, PGK



Sunday, January 23, 2011

The Portico

St John Roman Catholic Church

2:00 pm 'till??

featuring:

*Guilianova
Catering*

Huge Projection Screen

All you can eat Beer & Soda

\$20.00 /person



For Tickets and Info contact:

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Reservation - detach & return with your check

Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$20.00 each (check enclosed)

Member Name: _____

Wife/Guest Name: _____

Address: _____

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